

COMMITTEE NOTE

The form is amended in several respects. A new section—3b—is added to allow the reporting of a uniform claim identifier. This identifier, consisting of 24 characters, is used by some creditors to facilitate automated receipt, distribution, and posting of payments made by means of electronic funds transfers by chapter 13 trustees. Creditors are not required to use a uniform claim identifier.

Language is added to section 4 to clarify that the annual interest rate that must be reported for a secured claim is the rate applicable at the time the bankruptcy case was filed. Checkboxes for indicating whether the interest rate is fixed or variable are also added.

Section 7 of the form is revised to clarify that, consistent with Rule 3001(c), writings supporting a claim or evidencing perfection of a security interest must be attached to the proof of claim. If the documents are not available, the filer must provide an explanation for their absence. The instructions for this section of the form explain that summaries of supporting documents may be attached only in addition to the documents themselves.

Section 8—the date and signature box—is revised to include a declaration that is intended to impress upon the filer the duty of care that must be exercised in filing a proof of claim. The individual who completes the form must sign it. By doing so, he or she declares under penalty of perjury that the information provided “is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and reasonable belief.” That individual must also provide identifying information—name; title; company; and, if not already provided, mailing address, telephone number, and email address—and indicate by checking the appropriate box the basis on which he or she is filing the proof of claim (for example, as creditor or authorized agent for the creditor). Because a trustee or debtor that files a proof of claim under Rule 3004 will indicate that basis for filing here, the checkbox on the first page of the form for stating the filer’s status as a trustee or debtor is deleted. When a servicing agent files a proof of claim on behalf of a creditor, the individual completing the form must sign it and must provide his or her own name, as well as the name of the company that is the servicing agent.

Amendments are made to the instructions that reflect the changes made to the form, and stylistic and formatting changes are made to the form and instructions. Spaces are added for providing email addresses in addition to other contact information in order to facilitate communication with the claimant. The provision of this additional information does not affect any requirements for serving or providing official notice to the claimant.